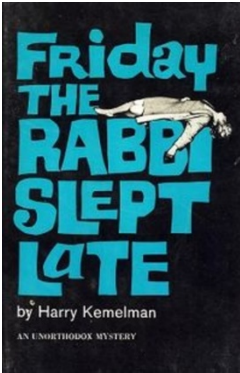


The Rabbi David Small series by Harry Kemelman

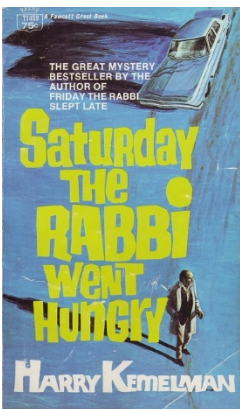


Friday the Rabbi Slept Late [1964]

David Small is the new rabbi in the small Massachusetts town of Barnard's Crossing. Although he'd rather spend his days engaged in Torah study and theological debate, the daily chores of synagogue life are all-consuming—that is, until the day a nanny's body is found on the rain-soaked asphalt of the temple's parking lot.

When the young woman's purse is discovered in Rabbi Small's car, he will have to use his scholarly skills and Talmudic wisdom—and collaborate with the Irish-Catholic police chief—to exonerate himself and find the real killer.

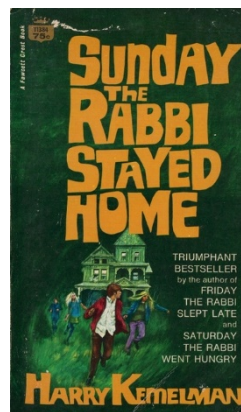
Blending this unorthodox sleuth's quick intellect with thrilling action, *Friday the Rabbi Slept Late* is the exciting first installment of the beloved bestselling mystery series that offers a Jewish twist on the clerical mystery, a delightful discovery for fans of Father Brown and Father Dowling or readers of Faye Kellerman's suspense novels set in the Orthodox community.



Saturday the Rabbi Went Hungry [1966]

The day before Yom Kippur, the synagogue sound system is on the blink, the floral arrangements are in disarray, and a member of Rabbi David Small's congregation—in the Massachusetts town of Barnard's Crossing—is terribly concerned with how much a Torah weighs. The rabbi is determined not to let these mundane concerns ruin his day of prayer and contemplation. But the holiest day of the Jewish year is interrupted when a member of the congregation is found dead in his car.

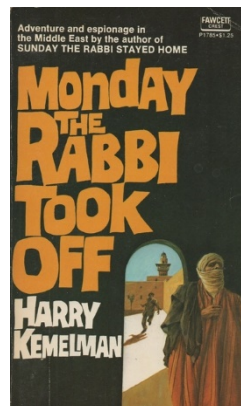
Details emerge that suggest the man may have killed himself, but the rabbi's wife suspects murder. Which is it? Rabbi Small kicks into high detective gear to find out. His search for the culprit among the small town's cast of eccentric characters leads to nail-biting suspense in this highly entertaining and engrossing mystery



Sunday the Rabbi Stayed Home [1969]

As Rabbi David Small's 5-year contract winds down at the synagogue in Barnard's Crossing, Massachusetts, some members of the congregation are plotting to remove him; others are whispering about starting a new temple of their own across the street. When the rabbi gets an invitation to perform Passover services at a local university, he's eager to get away from the bickering and spend a few days on campus. But instead of peace and enlightenment, he finds a murder wrapped up in drug deals and racial tensions.

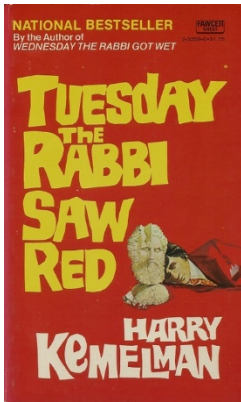
From tuned-out hippies to political zealots, the college is full of potential suspects. Once again it's up to the rabbi to draw on his deductive skills to solve the case—and avoid getting sucked into the bitter culture war—before the killer strikes again.



Monday the Rabbi Took Off [1972]

Monday takes Rabbi David Small on a private exodus to Israel for a much needed rest. But as usual, trouble follows the Rabbi. While his congregation at home is busy plotting his dismissal, the Rabbi is up against the Wall -- in an

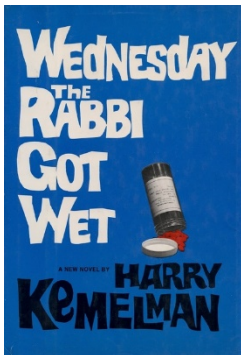
international incident involving a young American student, Israeli intelligence, and a group of Arab terrorists with murder on their minds...



Tuesday the Rabbi Saw Red [1973]

Once again, Rabbi Small finds himself looking for solace outside the confines of the contentious world of his synagogue in Barnard's Crossing, Massachusetts. When a member of his congregation expresses that she does not want him to officiate her wedding, Rabbi Small has had enough. He seeks escape by dabbling in academia with a part-time teaching gig at a local college. But his fantasy of a tranquil life in an ivory tower is about to come tumbling down.

A bombing at the school kills one of the rabbi's coworkers, and Small finds himself caught between adversarial students and feuding faculty members. As he investigates possible suspects with the same logic and measured caution that make him a brilliant religious leader, Rabbi Small finds that everyone has a motive—and an alibi—and it's up to him to uncover the truth.

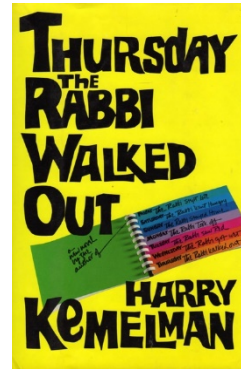


Wednesday the Rabbi Got Wet [1976]

New Age thinking has come to Barnard's Crossing, Massachusetts. The recently elected president of Rabbi David Small's synagogue is intent on using temple money to build a meditation retreat. The congregation is practicing yoga, buying crystals, and reciting chants. When a troubled young man returns to the town after spending time in a controversial Hasidic cult, the rabbi expects him to be another New Ager. But things take a grisly turn away from new-fangled mantras of peace and love when something terribly old fashioned happens: murder.

An elderly patient dies after being given the wrong medication by the local pharmacist, who coincidentally is also the Hasidic man's father. When the dead man's family suggests the mix-up was intentional, both the druggist and his son become suspects and it's up to Rabbi

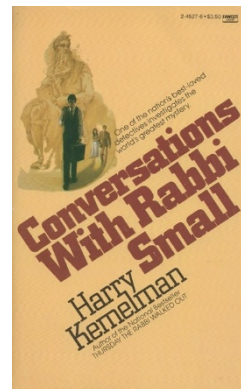
Small to investigate by drawing on some Old Testament wisdom in a village of New Age fads.



Thursday the Rabbi Walked Out [1978]

Barnard's Crossing, Massachusetts, is thriving. Every year, more young couples move to this cozy New England village to raise their families, and many of them join Rabbi David Small's synagogue. But the town is jolted out of domestic tranquility when Ellsworth Jordon, the town selectman, is murdered. An outspoken anti-Semite, and one of the town's richest and most powerful men, it seems like everyone had a reason to dislike Jordan. When he's murdered, not even the rabbi is surprised.

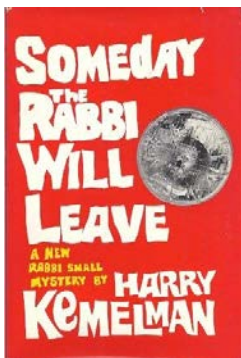
Police suspicion falls on several upstanding members of the synagogue, so Rabbi Small endeavors to clear them the way only he can—with God at his back and the Talmud in hand. Surprises lurk at every turn as the rabbi narrows down the long list of suspects to find the killer.



Conversations With Rabbi Small [1981]

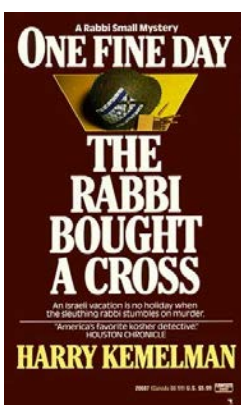
In *Conversations with Rabbi Small*, the rabbi finds himself taking a well-deserved vacation at a Jewish retreat in the mountains, where he reads, plays cards, and furthers his studies, which have been languishing for too long. When the rabbi's wife is called back to the city to deal with an illness in the family, the rabbi meets a curious young woman in the midst of a life-changing moment.

Joan is a gentile who is about to marry a Jewish man, and she is desperate for answers as she determines whether or not to convert to her betrothed's religion. In Rabbi Small, she finds an ideal teacher. In a series of impassioned conversations, the rabbi guides her through the ancient mysteries and wonders of Judaism, giving guidance to both her and her husband-to-be. With humor and compassion, the rabbi shares the history, beliefs, and traditions that have linked Jewish people across the world for millennia.



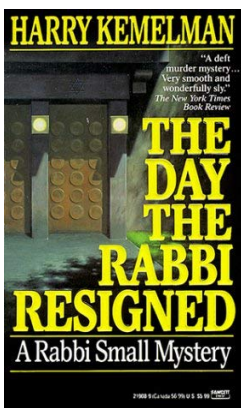
Someday the Rabbi Will Leave [1985]

In his latest and most challenging case, Rabbi Small needs every ounce of his persistence, perspicacity, and chutzpah as he finds himself up against corruption in politics (dirty campaign tricks), blackmail and a hit-and-run death that was no accident. He is also faced with the new president of the temple who has decided that the Rabbi is not a "team player" and sets out to replace him.



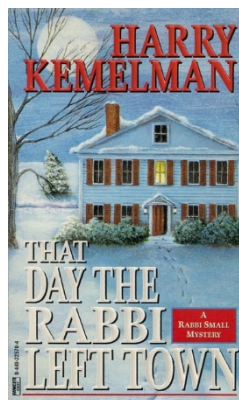
One Fine Day the Rabbi Bought a Cross [1987]

On a pleasure trip to the holy land, Rabbi David Small looks in on the troubled son of one of Barnard's Crossing's favorite grocers, the Goodmans. A confused young man, Jordan Goodman has embraced the extreme ideas of a controversial Jewish group and becomes strictly orthodox in observance. But Jordan's newfound beliefs lead him to perform an act of dubious heroism that leads to a murder charge. Knock wood - Rabbi Small is around to give even Israeli security a valuable lesson in age-old talmudic logic and one good American know-how.



The Day the Rabbi Resigned [1982]

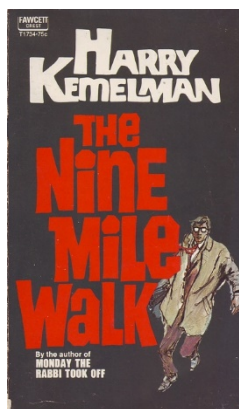
In the midst of finding a new career, Rabbi Small encounters a suspicious death in the community and begins a search for a killer in the town of Barnard's Crossing.



That Day the Rabbi Left Town [1996]

Harry Kemelman concludes his best-selling Rabbi Small mystery series with a delightful blend of Talmudic lore and quirky sleuthing. After leaving his Barnard's Crossing Temple, Rabbi David Small launches a Judaic studies program at nearby Windermere College. He soon enthralls his students with dynamic discussions on the history, customs, and practices of Judaism. But when the body of a Windermere professor turns up in a snow bank and suspicion falls on the temple's new rabbi, Rabbi Small feels compelled to investigate this suspicious death.

The following stand-alone novel is not related to the Rabbi David Small series, and is the only other book credited to Kemelman.



The Nine Mile Walk [1967]

Unrelated to the Rabbi David Small series, this volume collects a variety of short stories by Kemelman that featured Nicky Welt, most of which had originally appeared before the first Rabbi Small mystery was published.

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